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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS - INCOMING DCM FARLEY

REF: STATE 307189

1. WITH HEAD START GAINED FROM SESSIONS YOU AND DAVE SHINN HAD TWO WEEKS AGO, AND WITH SKILLED AND INFORMED GUIDANCE OF AF/W TEAM OF SMITH, HOUDEK AND KILLION, YOU ARE IN MUCH BETTER POSITION THAN I TO DESIGN SPECIFICS OF YOUR JANUARY CONSULTATION PROGRAM. FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS MAY SERVE AS USEFUL CHECKLIST. OBJECT OF LIST IS AS MUCH TO PUT YOU INTO CONTACT WITH DCM-LEVEL DEPARTMENTAL REFERENCE POINTS AS TO COVER SUBSTANCE OR BIRDDOG PARTICULAR PROBLEMS. LETTER ON PERSONNEL RESPONDING TO PARA 3 REFTELIS BEING POUCHED REGISTERED-UNCLASSIFIED DECEMBER 30.

2. RE SUBSTANCE: TWO GOOD STARTING POINTS: (1) NOUAKCHOTT 2093 IN WHICH I SET OUT INTERESTS AND OBJECTIVES FOR MY SEPTEMBER CONSULTATCONS PLUS SERIES OF RELATED LETTERS ON SPECIFIC SUBJECTS; (2) INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OBJEOWIVES PAPER I GAVE SHINN PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE. PLUS NOUAKCHOTT 3139 . THEN, IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH PERSONAL LINK WITH DEPTOFFS IN PLACES WHICH ARE KEY TO NOUAKCHOTT GRIST,
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YOU MIGHT SEE: IN-HOUSE AF--AF/W PLUS YOUR OWN KNOWLEDGE WILL GUIDE YOU. NEA-- DEPTUY ASSISTANT SECRETARY (DAS) FOR NORTH AFRICA (STERNER-?); AF/N DIRECTOR WEISLOGEL. CU--DAS CHAPMAN (OR APPROPRIATE COLLEAGUE); NEW D-CU/AF. IO--DAS TOUSSAINT; D-UNP GERRY HELMAN. EB--DAS BILLER. SCA-DEPUTY HENNEMEYER. SHINN WRITES

YOU HAVE ALREADY SEEN INR DEPUTY MACAFEE. YOU MAY WISH, HOWEVER, TO PURSUE ANY FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS HE MAY SUGGEST ON BOTH SIDES OF RIVER; THORNE/SCOTT/SCHAEFER AND O. WILLIAMS. S/S--SEBASTIAN(AND INCLUDE MY GREETINGS), ROGER SORENSON, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO E; BURNS, LLOYD, SPOTTS, OR OTHERS YOU MAY ALREADY KNOW IN M; DITTO IN S,D, AND P. AID-- SHEAR/ROSENTHAL PLUS HAVEN NORTH IF POSSIBLE.

3. RE MANAGEMENT: SKILLFUL AND GENEROUS SUPPORT WHICH KRYZA, KENNEDY, BRYANT AND COMPANY PROVIDE NOUAKCHOTT WILL ALSO PROPEL YOU IN RIGHT DIRECTION TOWARD OTHER MANAGEMENT TYPES. BASIC CONSTRUCT WHICH STRUCTURES (UNFORTUNATELY) OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH MANAGEMENT IN ALL RPT ALL DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES IS: WASHINGTON HAS NOT PROVIDED FIELD MISSIONS IN WEST AF(WND EXPLICITLY NOUAKCHOTT) WITH TOOLS TO CARRY OUT EXPANSION OF PRESENCE AND PROGRAM ACTIVITIES WHICH SECRETARY AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS HAVE LAID ON US IN PAST TWELVE MONTHS. GREATEST SHORTFALLS ARE IN PHYSICAL PLANT AND IN ABSENCE CONTINUOUS FLOW OF SUBSTANCE-AND LANGUAGE-QUALIFIED PERSONNEL. MOST RECENT FEEDBACK FROM D.C. UNDERSCORES FACT THAT STATE AND AID PERSONNEL SYSTEMS (RECRUITMENT, TRAINING AND ASSIGNMENT) ARE UNABLE TO PRODUCE QUALIFIED PERSONNEL FOR NOUAKCHOTT. FOLLOWING CHECKLIST (IN ROUGHLY TIME-PHASED ORDER) MAY BE HELPFUL: DOUG LANGAN, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO JOHN THOMAS. DAS OPERATIONS L. HUNT. SECOND SESSION WITH FBO -- SWANN AND ALSPAUGH TO PRESS OUR NEEDS AGAIN AND OBTAIN UP-TO-MINUTE STATUS REPORT. DAS- COMMUNICATIONS NAEHER--PLUS TOUR THROUGH OC IF PERMITTED AND ARRANGEABLE.

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4. OUTSIDE STATE: PEACE CORPS: IN ADDITION TO GRIFFIS AND HOLMES, BE SURE TO SEE VITO STAGLIANO, AND LOVELACE IF YOU HAVE TIME. COMMERCE: NEW OR ACTING CHIEF OF MAJOR PROJECTS GROUP PLUS PLANT AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT SECTION (STRAUSS-LEON?). SINCE YOU HAVE SPENT USEFUL HOUR WITH USAI/DAD/AF HOLMEY, FOLLOW-UP PRE-DEPARTURE PHONE CALL WOULD PROBABLY DO IT. ERDA--DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS NELSON SIEVERING TO URGE AGAIN SELECTION OF MAURITANIA AS SITE FOR PILOT SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT. VITA DIRECTOR TOM FOX RE VILLAGE-LEVEL SOLAR DESALTING PROJECT (SEE LETTERS TO BOTH COPIED TO KILLION).

5. WILL HAVE BAND AND RED CARPET TO MEET ALL FOUR FARLEYS JANUARY 21.

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